



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09473.0001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:       | ) |                         |
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| Tadayuki SUGIMOTO           | ) |                         |
|                             | ) | Group Art Unit: 2625    |
| Application No.: 10/803,039 | ) |                         |
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| Filed: March 18, 2004       | ) |                         |
|                             | ) | Examiner: Park, Chan S. |
| For: IMAGE FORMING DEVICE,  | ) |                         |
| IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM,       | ) |                         |
| IMAGE FORMING METHOD,       | ) |                         |
| IMAGE FORMING CONTROL       | ) | Confirmation No.: 5617  |
| PROGRAM, AND COMPUTER       | ) |                         |
| READABLE RECORDING          | ) |                         |
| MEDIUM IN WHICH IMAGE       | ) |                         |
| FORMING CONTROL PROGRAM     | ) |                         |
| IS RECORDED                 | ) |                         |

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

This Response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination following a Final Office Action mailed September 12, 2008, a Request for Reconsideration filed December 9, 2008, and an Advisory Action mailed January 8, 2009. Further, a Petition for Extension of Time of two months is being filed concurrently with this Response to extend the period for responding to the Final Office Action to February 12, 2009. Please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.